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REMARKS

Examiner D. Zarneke, is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject Patent Application. Claims 1-24 have been or remain canceled. New Claims 25-34 have been added by amendment.

All Claims are believed to be in condition for Allowance, and that is so requested.

Reconsideration of Claims 13-16 and 18-24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi (JP 405335313A) in view of Yamai (JP 409045691) in view Forehand et al (U.S. 5,847,936) and in view Mars (U.S. 5,795,818) is requested based Canceled Claims 13-16 and 18-24. The cancellation of Claims 13-16 and 18-24 makes this rejection moot.

Reconsideration of Claim 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi (JP 405335313A) in view of Yamai (JP 409045691) in view Forehand et al (U.S. 5,847,936) and in view Mars (U.S. 5,795,818) is requested based on Canceled Claim 17. The cancellation of Claim 17 makes this rejection moot.

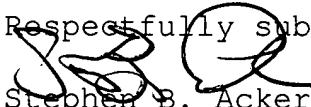
As noted above, Applicant has now canceled Claims 13-24. In addition, Applicant has added new Claims 25-34. These new claims reflect material previously disclosed in the Original Specification and are, therefore, not new matter. Applicant believes that the newly added Claims 25-34 should be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and not relied upon and have discussed their impact on the present invention above.

Allowance of all Claims is requested.

It is requested that should the Examiner not find that the Claims are now Allowable that the Examiner call the undersigned at 989-894-4392 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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